

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 18 and 20 – 22 remain pending in the present application. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration at the interviews of January 26, 2010 and February 2, 2010. During the interviews, Applicant's representative explained that the defect management system of Ko did not teach or otherwise suggest a method or system for overriding data similar to that recited in the currently rejected claims. In view of Applicant's arguments, the Examiner has agreed to withdraw the final rejections based on Ko, either in whole or in part with other references, and reopen prosecution. The Examiner has also agreed that unless a supplemental search identifies new art to support the current rejection to replace Ko, all the claims currently pending will be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner does find additional art that may be relevant to the patentability of the pending claims, the Examiner will issue a new official action with a non-final rejection.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 9 and 18-22 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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